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Amendments to the Specification

At specification page 7, replace the paragraph beginning with "[a] shorter inner layer -5-" with the following replacement paragraph:

A shorter inner layer -5- is subsequently inserted, which <u>inner</u> layer <u>5</u> is relatively thicker, woven or injected of a thermoplastic material, adopting a tie-like shape, or the like, provided with a semi-circular recess -6-_[[,]] which <u>The inner</u> layer <u>5</u> is to be floatingly positioned between the outer sheet -1- and a third thinner separating inner sheet -7-.[[,]] which <u>The inner sheet 7</u> is provided with a circular orifice -8- and a screen-like stripe -9- at one end. <u>This The inner sheet 7</u> is attached at the edge of the orifice -8- to the terminal planar lip -10- of the bushing -4- by means of a suitable welding, adhesive or the like -52-.